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Audit recommends closing 19 city schools

EDUCATION

Vancouver School Board could save millions: Report

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

A special advisor's report commissioned by the provincial government recommends closing up to 19 schools in Vancouver.

The audit, conducted by Ernst and Young and released publicly Tuesday, says the school district stands to gain up to $750 million in "one-time benefits" and $37 million in annual savings though an "aggressive asset rationalization approach" that includes shutting down, deferring maintenance on or not seismically upgrading schools deemed "excess surplus."

According to the audit, the Vancouver school district's utilization rate is 83 per cent, well below the Ministry of Education's target of 95 per cent.

> **There is significant opportunity for the Vancouver school district to ensure every dollar is invested in students.**
> Education Minister Peter Fassbender

"This report is very comprehensive," said Education Minister Peter Fassbender, who ordered the audit after the district last year complained it faced a $15-million deficit — since revised to $8.52 million — due to provincial underfunding and cuts.

"There is significant opportunity for the Vancouver school district to ensure every dollar is invested in students and not in (10,000) empty classrooms."

Vancouver School Board chair Christopher Richardson said it's "way too early" to know whether any of the audit's 59 recommendations will be worked into the final budget, due June 30 and legally required to be balanced.

So far, the district is only recommending closing individual classroom spaces to save money, he said.

"I don't feel there is any undue pressure (to adopt the recommendations)," he said.

While NPA trustee Christopher Richardson was keen to avoid conflict with the province in his assessment of the audit, Vision Vancouver trustee Patti Bacchus — the previous board chair — wasn't so diplomatic.

"Pretty clearly the education minister seems to think that the solution to underfunding is to sell off public assets," she said, adding per-student funding in B.C. is the second-lowest in Canada. "I've never heard the public say what they want us to do is sell off our schools. (The provincial government) want us to run the district more like accountants but don't talk about quality."

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B.C. plans to spend $150K to close bridge, host event

BURRARD BRIDGE

Premier wants to stage large yoga celebration

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

Yogis practise at Kits Beach at a free Lululemon event in summer 2014. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Some Vancouverites aren't feeling very zen about B.C. Premier Christy Clark's $150,000 plan to shut down the Burrard Bridge to stage a massive yoga event to celebrate the International Day of Yoga.

To cover planning, police and security costs for the event, the province has budgeted $150,000 for the event, the premier's office confirmed Tuesday. YYoga and Lululemon will cover marketing, planning and promotion of the event, which also received $10,000 in sponsorship from energy company Altagas.

The event, which aims to be the largest yoga gathering outside India, is receiving mounting backlash over using taxpayer dollars, the sponsorship from a natural gas company that has donated to the B.C. Liberals, and the timing — the date was selected by the United Nations, but it coincides with National Aboriginal Day.

"It's nuts," yogi and YYoga member Katrina Prescott said Tuesday. "As a yogi, I would prefer to not participate in an Alberta-sponsored LNG event and I would rather see that money go to supporting community members that are less fortunate."

Prescott is also disappointed that the yoga studio where she pays substantial membership fees is participating in an event with Altagas, which fracks for natural gas in B.C. and has applied to the National Energy Board to export liquefied natural gas from a facility near Kitimat.

"It sure leaves a bad taste in my mouth," she said.

Team #shunthebridge, a hashtag to oppose the event coined by children's singer Raffi, also includes artist Burton Amos, who posted a call on social media to have a flash mob on the bridge at the same time to support National Aboriginal Day. "Bring your drums, bring your voice!" states his post, which was shared dozens of times.

Team #OmTheBridge, the province's suggested hashtag, has dramatically fewer supporters on social media, although former Surrey mayoral candidate Barinder Rasode tweeted her support for the event. "I think there is positive energy in taking traffic off to honour health & spirituality," Rasode posted.

YYoga CEO Terry McBride echoed Rasode's sentiments in an emailed statement that aims to steer clear of the politics.

"Our intention is to celebrate yoga in its purest form at a monument that highlights this beautiful city. We have no agenda beyond that and hope that shines through," McBride said.

SPCA

Cat video festival coming

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

This will give feline fans something to purr about.

The BC SPCA is bringing the paw-pular Just For Cats Film Festival to Vancouver's Vancity Theatre on June 28. Hosted in partnership with the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies and the Vancouver International Film Festival, the festival will feature five screenings of the best Internet cat videos compiled by Will Braden, creator of the popular Henri Le Chat Noir videos.

Craig Naherniak, general manager of humane education for the BC SPCA, said the organization wanted to host the festival to help raise funds and awareness of the region's overwhelming cat overpopulation crisis.

"Cats are more popular companions than dogs in Canada, with 36 per cent of all households identifying themselves as cat guardians," Naherniak said in a statement. "On the flip side of that, there is still an overwhelming cat overpopulation crisis in B.C."

Ticket sales from the festival go toward supporting cat welfare programs in B.C.

The festival will also include kitten viewing and adoption counselling, animal-themed merchandise and displays offering tips on how people can help stray and feral cats in the community.

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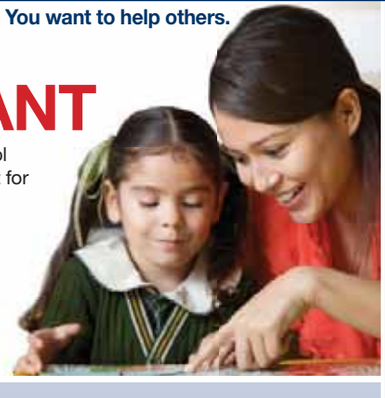

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SkyTrain riders stranded

RUSH HOUR

Technical failure caused 19 trains to stop mid-service

Matt Kieltyka
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SkyTrain riders were left stranded and frustrated once more on Tuesday after the rapid-transit system ground to a halt during the afternoon rush hour.

TransLink said a technical failure at approximately 4:30 p.m. caused 19 trains between Waterfront and Royal Oak stations to time out and suddenly stop in the middle of service.

It took two hours for the majority of the trains to be manually guided to the nearest station and evacuated.

In the meantime, thousands of commuters were forced to spend their afternoon rush hour waiting in long lines — some blocks long — to board temporary bus bridges between stations, significantly delaying their trips home.

"The trains had lost communication with the control centre," said TransLink spokeswoman Anne Drennan. "Those trains were, unfortunately, between stations and of course it's rush hour so they were pretty much loaded."

Drennan said a pregnant woman on one of the trains suffered an apparent anxiety attack and required assistance.

The SkyTrain has been beset by a string of failures over the past year.

Most recently, the system was down for 12 hours on May 22 after a "freak incident" (a bird nest under the guideway caught fire as crews were doing routine track work) near Main Street-Science World station, prompting TransLink interim CEO Doug Allen to apologize, make public transit free for the day and offer refunds for affected customers.

The first of the high-profile disruptions happened last July, when stranded riders forced open train doors and walked along the tracks because the transit authority was unable to communicate with them.

Drennan said TransLink's response was much better this time around.

"It's much more refined (than) when we had issues last summer during the heat," she said. "Attendants and police officers headed out to the trains almost immediately so that contact was made and they could reassure people we know where they are and we'll get them in (to stations) as quickly as possible."

Hundreds of commuters line up down Cordova Street outside Waterfront Station in downtown Vancouver on Tuesday, after SkyTrain service was disrupted during the afternoon rush hour. The line-up stretched around the block. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Although crews got to passengers quicker on Tuesday, Drennan said passengers in three cars near Nanaimo station got tired of waiting and walked along the tracks.

TransLink says that situation delayed service by an extra hour, as power had to be cut off to protect passengers and attendants rushed out to guide them to safety.

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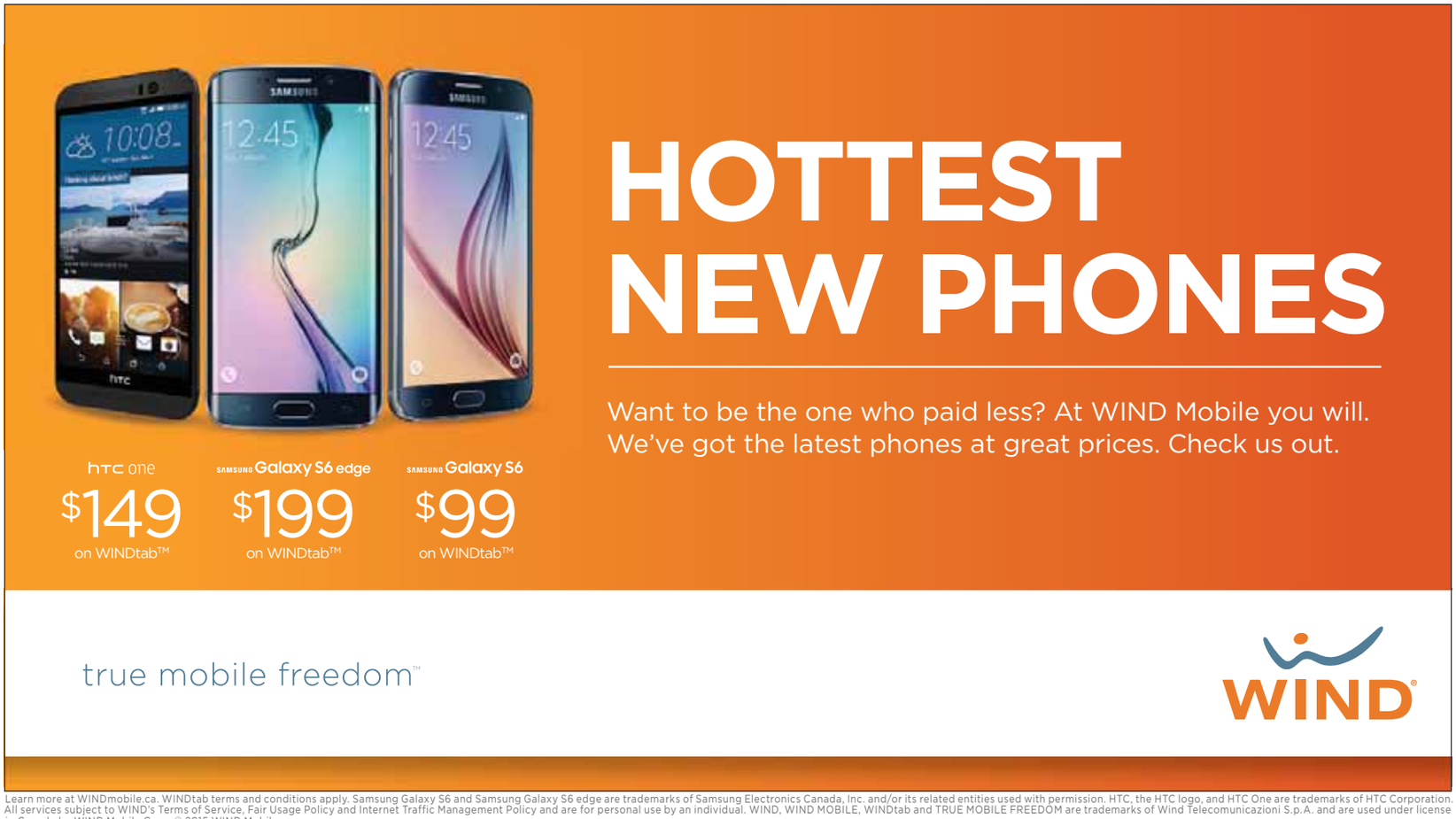
> Anne Drennan, TransLink spokeswoman

Service was restored just before 7 p.m.

TransLink will update media on the disruption Wednesday morning.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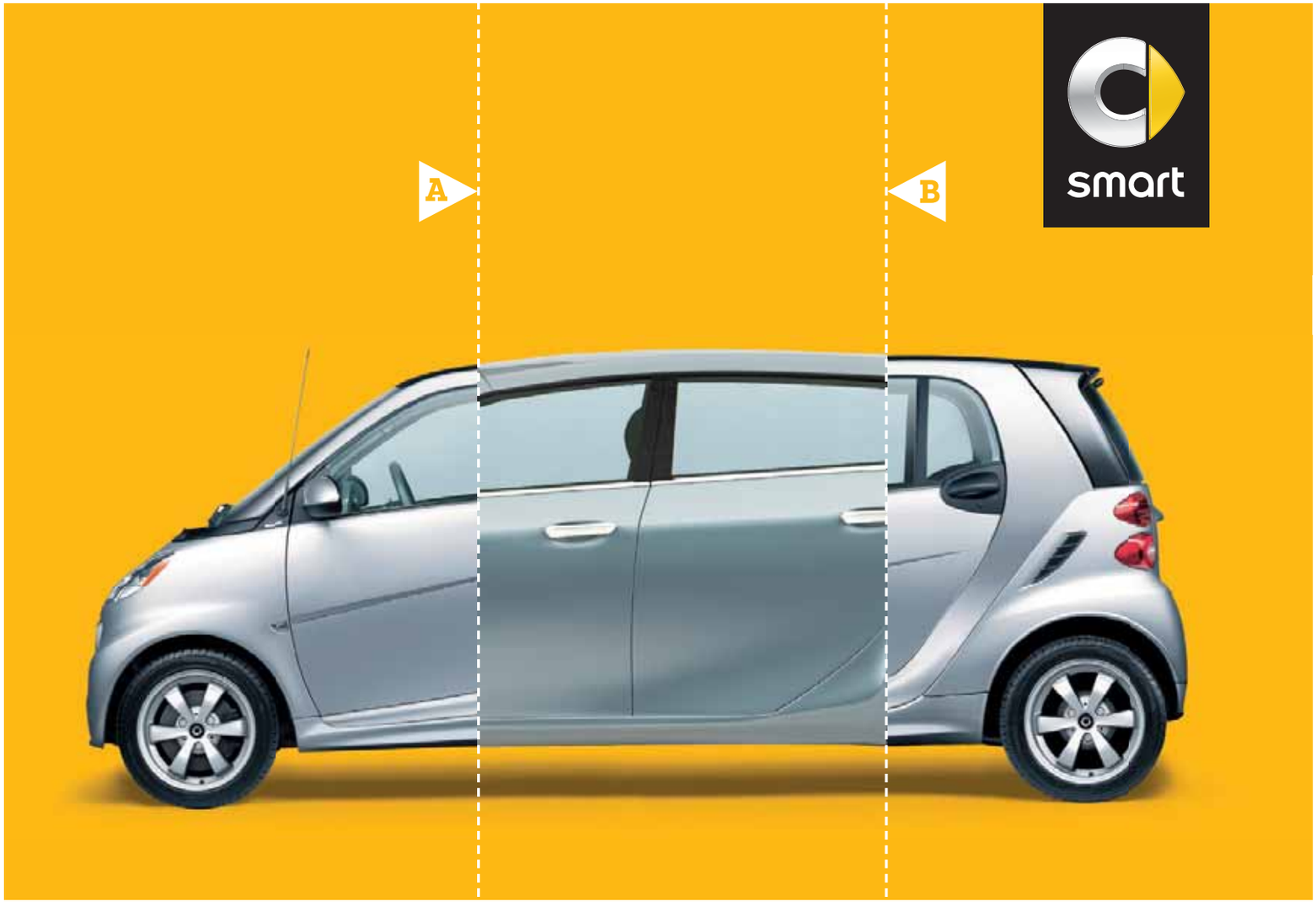

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City pitches ideas to help loosen apartment squeeze

HOUSING

Shortage leaves 8,000 families forced to live in smaller spaces

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

There isn't enough housing for families in Vancouver, leaving the city brainstorming new policies to make it feasible for people with children to stay in the city, according to a presentation to city council on Tuesday.

Families make up one third of the households in Vancouver, yet studio and one-bedroom apartments make up 44 per cent of the housing stock, according to the presentation, based on Statistics Canada census data.

This shortage leaves about 8,000 families with one or more children squeezing into apartments that are more like bachelor pads.

Cheyenne and Brandon Williams and their daughter Sydney, seen here attending the #DontHave1Million rally on May 24, are moving to Maple Ridge although they would love to stay close to family in Vancouver. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

City staff pitched numerous ideas to fix the problem, but none of them will be implemented until staff conducts economic and technical analyses of how the ideas could affect the city.

Ideas included demanding 35 per cent of the units in new developments that require rezonings should be reserved for families, up from the 25 per cent that is already required.

The city's chief housing officer, Mukhtar Latif, also suggested a citywide rezoning to enable more family-sized units near schools, parks and community centres.

The city also wants to boost the number of three-bedroom units by increasing incentives for developers building market rental units. While people are having fewer children than they were a few decades ago, half of families still have two or more children and more adult children are living at home than ever before, according to census data.

Once the details are hammered out, council will receive another report and decide whether to move forward.

HEALTH CARE

Most in B.C. want vaccines to be mandatory for kids

A majority of people in the province believe childhood vaccinations should be mandatory, according a new poll by Insights West.

In B.C., 78 per cent of respondents said they believe vaccinations for childhood diseases like polio and measles should be mandatory. Only about one in five said they thought parents should make decisions on whether their children should be vaccinated.

However, support for mandatory vaccines for adults isn't nearly as favourable: Only 19 per cent of B.C. residents think the flu vaccine should be mandatory and a vast majority (79 per cent) believe each person should be allowed to decide whether they want the shot.

The poll also found that 31 per cent of people in B.C. still believe or are undecided about a link between childhood vaccinations and autism, a link first purported but since fully retracted by the medical journal The Lancet.

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EVENT DETAILS

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Newlyweds embrace at the summit of the Sea-to-Sky gondola. An event planner is hosting a pop-up wedding at the venue to help couples split the costs of exchanging vows. COURTESY MAYLIES LANG

Tying the knot on the cheap

TRENDS

Pop-up nuptials let couples wed for just $3,200

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

Tying the knot but don't want to get all tied up with the hassle and cost of wedding planning?

In a city long known for its high cost of living, a Vancouver event planner is offering a budget-friendly option for couples looking to get married without breaking the bank: pop-up weddings.

Melissa Dubienski, owner of Cahoots Creative Happenings, said pop-up weddings are already popular in Australia and the trend is now slowly popping up in B.C.

"It's an alternative for non-traditional couples and just a different way to get married," she told Metro. "Not everybody can afford the average $40,000 wedding, but they still want to have a beautiful day. That's what this does."

The concept is simple.

Four couples take turns exchanging vows in 90-minute time slots over the course of a day, sharing the cost of the venue, décor, music and photography. The bride and groom arrive with up to 10 guests, say their "I dos," cut the cake, and pose for photos before the next couple take their turn.

The cost? $3,200.

"It's for non-traditionalists," said Dubienski. "You're not getting the full reception or anything, but at the end of the day, the wedding is just about you and your guy and the photos. You don't have to deal with any of the stress of planning the day."

> **My fiancé and I, we just want to be able to get a home and start a family and not have to be in debt after something that is so special.**
> Shereen Jamil

Dubienski said pop-up weddings are also an ideal alternative for couples renewing their vows or getting married for the second time that don't want to spend a fortune on the ceremony.

Vancouver couple Shereen Jamil and Jamie Jupp are one of the four couples tying the knot at the company's first pop-up wedding ceremony at the summit of the Sea-to-Sky gondola on Aug. 22.

The high cost of planning a wedding nearly drove Jamil and her fiancé to elope after they first became engaged in March.

"We were looking at other venue options, and literally the cheapest one we could find was $12,000," she said. "But this keeps things very simple and affordable."

Without the option of a pop-up wedding, Jamil said she and her fiancé would have never been able to afford a venue at the summit of a mountain.

Although the pair is planning a separate reception for their guests in the restaurant at the top of the Sea-to-Sky gondola, which will cost extra, Jamil said the event is still significantly less expensive than a traditional wedding.

That means less stress and less of a risk getting into debt before starting their lives as a married couple, she said.

While she doesn't think pop-up weddings are for everyone, Jamil said she believes the trend will take off in Vancouver where the high cost of living makes it difficult for couples to make ends meet.

Jamil said many of her married friends are still struggling to get out of debt after planning costly nuptials.

"My fiancé and I, we just want to be able to get a home and start a family and not have to be in debt after something that is so special," she said.

"This just works perfect for us."

Vancouver couple Shereen Jamil and Jamie Jupp. CONTRIBUTED

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No camping in Victoria parks if you're not homeless: Mayor

SHELTER

Bylaw makes city 'Mecca' for many without housing

Don't call it camping. It's shelter, Victoria style.

Dennis Palubeski has been sleeping under the same tree in the Mayor's Grove area of Beacon Hill Park for the past three weeks.

His hips hurt from the hard ground, and the angry rants of the man who sleeps in the bushes nearby keep him awake. But the homeless man from Kitchener-Waterloo, Ont., says he'd rather be outside than crowded into a shelter.

"Victoria is Mecca," says Palubeski as he folds his sleeping bag and blue tarp. "If you are going to be homeless this is it. They've got the resources. You can't go hungry here. I just got two teeth extracted. They were really getting bad."

Dennis Palubeski folds his blanket from a night's rest in an area in Beacon Hill Park. He and other homeless people are sleeping in public parks around Victoria. CHAD HIPOLITO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A city bylaw permits people to sleep in parks at night, but they must leave by 7 a.m. The bylaw dates back to a 2008 B.C. Supreme Court decision that said it was unconstitutional for Victoria to restrict overnight sleeping in parks if homeless shelter beds are full.

It's not unusual now to see tents pitched at night outside the Victoria Law Courts, along the scenic ocean front or at Beacon Hill Park, where Mayor's Grove includes a hawthorn tree planted in 1929 by Sir Winston Churchill.

> **The bylaw clearly says if you are homeless you can camp. You can't camp here if you are a tourist.**
> Mayor Lisa Helps

Victoria is known for its mild climate, tame winters, lush greenery and laid-back lifestyle, but city officials and police say camping in the parks is a last resort for the homeless only and not a no-frills adventure for visitors.

"That's a problem," says Mayor Lisa Helps. "The bylaw clearly says if you are homeless you can camp. You can't camp here if you are a tourist."

It's estimated there are more than 1,000 homeless people in Victoria, and police say about 100 of them are sleeping in parks. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

RCMP say latest Surrey shooting may be linked to spate of violence

Mounties say there has been more gunfire in Surrey, this time in a parking lot behind a restaurant.

Police say reports came in about shots being fired just after 9 p.m. on Monday, and they believe the violence is linked to the area's ongoing gang feud.

Investigators say two men who were eating at the diner appear to have been the intended targets, but the pair fled before police arrived. They say the suspect's vehicle also drove off immediately after the shooting. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Man wanted after armed robbery at pot dispensary

Vancouver police say a nationwide warrant has been issued for a man accused of armed robbery at a marijuana dispensary. Police say Eric Chartrand, 32, entered the business with another man on June 1 and that both had weapons. Chartrand has the word "ruthless" tattooed on his neck, with the number "1323" on top. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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SHOOTING

Police officer killed during hate-crimes investigation

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

When Edmonton police attempted to enter Norman Walter Raddatz's house on Monday night, they were answered with a torrent of gunfire that struck two officers and claimed the life of Const. Daniel Woodall.

Edmonton Police Chief Rod Knecht released new details Tuesday on the hate-crimes investigation that eventually led to Woodall's death.

"The case that led to last night's events was a lengthy hate-crimes file with evidence dating back to February 2014," Knecht said.

Eight officers arrived to arrest Raddatz, 42, on Monday evening on a charge of criminal harassment, Knecht said.

After attempting to breach the door, gunshots ensued and Woodall was hit and killed, Knecht said. Sgt. Jason Harley was injured but has since been released from hospital.

An Edmonton police officer is overcome with emotion at the scene of a shooting Monday evening that claimed the life of Const. Daniel Woodall. BRIAN TRUSCOTT/FOR METRO IN EDMONTON

Knecht said that when the shooting began, officers were pinned down by gunfire for at least 10 minutes, unable to move or return fire as bullets streamed from the house.

After the shootout, Raddatz's house caught fire and ultimately burned to the ground, but police aren't sure how it began.

Knecht confirmed that police believe a body they recovered from Raddatz's burnt-out house is his. However, Knecht said police are waiting for an autopsy to confirm the cause of death.

Condolences for the fallen officer poured in from across the city and country.

Mayor Don Iveson spoke Tuesday and said it was a devastating loss for the community — but more importantly for Woodall's family.

"As your mayor, I reflect the sadness I feel in the community, but I feel this most deeply as the father of young children," Iveson said, holding back tears.

"Edmonton is a safe city because, by and large, good people live here. The very bravest and best among us step forward to become first responders, just like Const. Woodall and Sgt. Harley."

Alberta Premier Rachel Notley also expressed her grief in a statement released Tuesday.

"Last evening, I was heartbroken to learn that an Edmonton police officer, Const. Daniel Woodall, lost his life in the line of duty. I offer my sincere condolences to his family for their devastating loss."

Prime Minister Stephen Harper added his condolences and said the shooting was a reminder of the sacrifice police make.

MEDIA

CBC cuts ties with host Evan Solomon

CBC has fired host Evan Solomon. Torstar News Service reported that he was taking secret commission payments related to art sales involving people he dealt with as a host.

Solomon, 47, is the Ottawa-based host of Power and Politics on television and The House on CBC radio, and had been one of the people touted to replace Peter Mansbridge on The National.

Torstar found Solomon has been brokering the sale of paintings and masks owned by a Toronto-area art collector to rich. Solomon, in at least one case, took commissions in excess of $300,000 for several pieces of art and did not disclose to the buyer that he was being paid fees for introducing buyer and seller.

The CBC had taken Solomon off the air Monday pending an investigation. That move came after Torstar presented the CBC with the results of its probe of Solomon.

Among the people to whom Solomon has brokered the sale of paintings are Jim Balsillie, co-founder of Research In Motion (now BlackBerry) and Mark Carney, the former Bank of Canada governor and current governor of the Bank of England.

Solomon has dealt with both men in his high-profile host jobs at the CBC. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

SENATE EXPENSES

Aufitor general calls for outside oversight

Family funerals, fishing trips, hockey games: Canada's auditor general laid bare the Senate's expense-account excesses Tuesday as he called for independent oversight to teach the upper chamber some respect for the public purse.

Michael Ferguson's 116-page report, released Tuesday, details a litany of expense claims that suggest a number of senators were oblivious to the costs they were racking up or were otherwise cavalier in their spending. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Police comb town for escaped convicts

PRISON BREAK

Residents say two men were seen along road late Monday

State and federal law officers searching for two killers who used power tools to break out of a maximum-security prison converged on a small town about 50 kilometres away Tuesday after a possible sighting was reported.

Dozens of officers formed a line and made their way through a pasture and woods in the town of Willsboro while a helicopter hovered above. Other searchers walked along a nearby railroad.

They descended on the town just west of Lake Champlain after residents reported seeing a couple of men walking on a road late Monday during a storm.

The breakout over the weekend from the 3,000-inmate Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora, N.Y., close to the Canadian border, immediately raised suspicions that the inmates had inside help in cutting through a steel wall, breaking through the bricks and crawling through a steam pipe. They eventually emerged through a manhole outside the prison grounds.

The prisoners surely had help, and the noise must have been heard, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said, adding that other inmates claimed they didn't see or hear anything: "They're all heavy sleepers," he said sardonically.

The RCMP said Monday it had no information to indicate the two had crossed into Canada.

Sweat was convicted in the 2002 killing of a sheriff's deputy and was doing life without parole. Matt was serving 25 years to life for kidnapping and dismembering his boss in 1997.

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A police officer is on patrol during a search for two escaped killers in Boquet, N.Y., Tuesday. SETH WENIG/THE ASSOCATED PRESS

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TEXAS

Officer resigns over viral pool party video

The white police officer who was recorded on video pushing a black girl to the ground at a Texas pool party resigned from the police force Tuesday.

Officer David Eric Casebolt resigned from the McKinney Police Department after almost 10 years on the force, said his attorney, Jane Bishkin of Dallas.

Police Chief Greg Conley confirmed the resignation at a news conference later Tuesday, saying Casebolt had not been pressured.

A video recorded by another teenager and posted online showed Casebolt pushing a bikini-clad black girl to the ground on Friday and brandishing his gun at other black teens after he and other officers responded to complaints about the pool party at a community-owned McKinney swimming pool. The 41-year-old former Texas state trooper was placed on administrative leave.

Conley said a review of the incident's footage showed Casebolt's actions were "indefensible," and that "our policies, our training and our practices do not support his actions."

> **He came into the call out of control and the video showed that he was out of control.**
> Police Chief Greg Conley

In all, 12 officers responded to the report of fights and a disturbance at the pool party at the Craig Ranch North Community Pool in an affluent area of western McKinney.

"Eleven of them performed according to their training," Conley said, noting Casebolt did not. "He came into the call out of control and the video showed he was out of control during the incident."

Despite Casebolt's resignation, his actions remain under investigation and no decision has been made as to whether charges will be filed against him, Conley said.

Charges of interfering with an officer and evading arrest against the only man arrested during Friday's incident have been dropped, Conley said. Everyone else was released.

The incident has prompted criticism of the affluent suburb of McKinney north of Dallas, which is among the nation's fastest growing cities, has highly regarded public schools and was ranked by one publication as America's best place to live.

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IN BRIEF

Iranian women gain right to watch volleyball games

A limited number of Iranian women will be allowed to watch Volleyball World League games in Tehran later this month, a senior government official has said, as part of a government move to allow women and families to attend male sporting events.

Vice-President for Women and Family Affairs Shahindokht Molaverdi, part of the cabinet of President Hassan Rouhani, said the government hopes to avoid a showdown with hardliners over the issue.

Molaverdi, a reformist politician and women's rights activist, said women will be allowed into stadiums to watch men's matches in specific sports such as volleyball, basketball, handball and tennis.

The decision has yet to be officially announced, but Molaverdi said some women — families of national team players — will be allowed to watch the upcoming volleyball games to help ease into the change. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Photography chain Blacks is closing all its 59 stores in Canada as of Aug. 8. Parent company Telus says most of the stores are in Ontario and employ about 485 people. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Blacks closing all its photography stores

RETAIL

Firm founded in 1930 falls victim to digital world

Photography chain Blacks is shuttering all of its 59 stores in Canada after nearly 70 years of selling pictures, albums and frames. Parent company Telus said the closures will take effect Aug. 8 and affect about 485 employees, most of whom work in Ontario.

"Technological innovations have changed the way Canadians take and share photographs, with fewer of us using retail photo outlets," company spokeswoman Luiza Staniec said. An unspecified number of the laid-off employees will be offered jobs at Telus or Koodo head offices, as well as at retail outlets or call centres, while others would be offered a "transition package," she said.

A note to customers is taped to the window of a Blacks store in Toronto on Tuesday. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bruce Winder, a retail analyst with J.C. Williams Group Ltd., said he wasn't surprised by the shutdown.

"If you go back 10 years ago, folks bought digital cameras. Now everyone has digital cameras on their smartphones.

"The market is polarized," Winder said. "You're either a professional camera enthusiast and you go to Henry's, or you don't and you use your cellphone like 99 per cent of the other people."

Winder said when Telus bought Blacks in September 2009 for $28 million from ReichmannHauer Capital Partners, it was simply to add another distribution channel for the telecom giant.

Headquartered in Toronto, Blacks was founded in 1930 and sold appliances. Its first specialty camera store opened in 1948. Since then, it has changed hands several times.

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IN BRIEF

San Francisco OKs health warning on soft drink ads

San Francisco supervisors voted unanimously Tuesday to approve health warnings on ads for sugary sodas and some other drinks, saying such beverages contribute to obesity, diabetes and other health problems.

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THE BIG THING: FINANCIAL LITERACY

The federal government thinks we need a lesson in how to manage money. On Tuesday, Ottawa announced a $10-million strategy to co-ordinate programs that aim to help Canadians learn to manage debt, save for retirement and avoid scams.

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1 **Time to shape up** Canada's financial literacy leader, Jane Rooney, says 60 per cent of us don't know how much we need for retirement, and 55 per cent fail to use the "fundamental tool" of a home budget.

2 **Could be worse** Our household savings rate has been all over the map for the past century. It peaked around 16 per cent in the mid-1940s and again in the early 1980s, dipped into the red during the Great Depression and fell to a dangerous low of 3.6 per cent in 2005. In the first quarter of this year, Canadians squirreled away five per cent of their paycheques.

3 **Good debt, bad debt** Canada's household debt-to-income ratio reached an eye-watering record of 162 per cent in 2014, thanks in large part to low interest rates and high home prices. But personal loans — often the most disastrous — are actually on the decline, and the rate we're acquiring credit-card debt is slowing.

Great art doesn't get made in a boardroom

SOCIAL DISCOURSE
Omar Mouallem

Beware of anyone using the word "silos" who is not a farmer. It's what suits say instead of "groups," as in, "The difficulty with the (Canada Council for the Arts) now is that everything is organized by disciplinary silos that are very complex to navigate."

Those were the words of the CCA's new CEO Simon Brault during a Canada Arts Summit speech last spring, where he also promised more "outcome-driven" grant programs for Canadian artists that will "have more impact."

Artists should laugh in the face of anyone who asks for "objectives" before the creative process has even begun, but instead they now have to adhere to this boardroom puffery if they want their work government-funded.

Last week the CCA unveiled its simplified funding system, which will soon reduce 147 grant programs to just six broad categories. It's a noble cause, as the old process was cumbersome, to say the least. But at least it was somewhat comprehensible.

Peace out "Grants to Dance Professionals." Sayonara, "Grants to Professional Orchestras." You'll now have to choose from a menu of buzzwords still reeking of the dry-erase markers with which they were born. That now includes a category called "Engage and Sustain," with the outcome of "reflect(ing) the diversity of the communities that they participate in through their staffing, programming and public engagement responsibilities."

Does this mean creative diversity? Intellectual diversity? Social diversity? So much for simplicity.

Art is an act of discovery divined from the experiences, observations and imaginations of its creators and collaborators. And it's an act of entertainment and expression, not innovation, much as the CCA's constant trumpeting of the arts' $50 billion GDP contribution is intended to entertain politicians and people (sorry, I mean stakeholders) who couldn't care less about the quality of the art.

Maybe it works for them, but audiences gain nothing from an artist crossing off corporate objectives while writing a grant proposal. It's the same anathema that's turned most galleries' artist statements into head-tilting jibber-jabber, poisoning the exhibition before it's even viewed.

Consider the effect of 1930s Soviet art, which hewed to a state-enforced mandate of optimism and heroism, to be exported internationally. The result, then, was art decidedly on-message and redundant. No, the CCA, whatever it is, isn't a bastion of socialism. Atom Egoyan's next film won't star a Canadian actor as the common man finding fulfilment in labour. But artists obsessing with vague guidelines about "diversity," "innovation," "engagement" in order to make it past the gatekeepers will surely yield art that's equally stale.

Audiences gain nothing from an artist crossing off corporate objectives while writing a grant proposal.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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"There is no freedom from the pull of things."

Marie Kondo is not your saviour from stuff.

The maven of minimalism and author of a trendy book on tidying might be your saviour from a lot of stuff — from overflowing closets and shelves, from the sense you live in Mary Poppins' purse.

She will even curate you: through her prescription to keep only that which brings joy, you'll be able to justify the gold-plated scissors you've been coveting, once you've thrown out the plastic pair that was definitely not joyful.

But what do you end up with?

Stuff, just as before. All of it. Things. And, perhaps, a dresser drawer with shirts so neatly rolled it looks like a Pez dispenser.

In reaction to Kondo's methods, some have come out in praise of clutter. One writer wondered in the New York Times, "Why on earth would we get rid of our wonderful things? I have many books, many paintings, many pots and many more things I love."

So do I.

But that's not an argument against Kondo. The call to curate stuff and the call to abundantly collect it both stem from the same impulse: the desire for things.

One is the new world of the carefully chosen item, where everything you own aligns with a singular vision of your rarefied lifestyle.

One is an older world, where, since you could afford to have lots of stuff, why not have it all?

Both are underpinned by consumer culture, and the belief that the best way to express who you are is to buy — or not buy — something.

There is no freedom from the pull of things.

Even if I had almost nothing (as many do), I'm sure I could love a useless item. Not just for what it is, though it may be beautiful, but for what it means.

Like the gold necklace that was once my mum's, with two pendants, one of a dove and one of the Parthenon. Wearing it made me feel she was close, even across continents. It was stolen and I still mourn its loss.

The Canadian painter Agnes Martin (posthumously hot right now) aimed for a thing-less life.

In the 1960s, she moved to a remote part of New Mexico, discarded most belongings and lived on odd, restricted diets, like preserved tomatoes and hard cheese. She reportedly felt possessions only fed her ego. "I paint with my back to the world," she said.

But even she did not dogmatically follow through.

In her later years, while still living sparingly, she let a little luxury in: driving to and from her studio in a white BMW.

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Piper Chapman has come a long way from her first days at Lichfield. While Seasons 1 and 2 of Orange Is the New Black saw her struggling to find her way in the strange and confusing hierarchy of the prison, Season 3 sees her finally come into her own, according to Taylor Schilling. The Netflix star says Piper may finally be getting the hang of the place, and we chatted with her about what's to come for Lichfield's finest.

Season 3, which debuts June 12, finds Piper Chapman (Taylor Schilling) and Alex Vause (Laura Prepon) both in prison together once again. JOJO WHILDEN/NETFLIX

If there's a theme for the third season, what would you say it is?
We've talked about it as an ensemble, about it really being based around faith and belief and how faith manifests differently in different people and what we classically think of as a system of faith and what we really believe in and how that plays out in people's lives.

How do you think Piper is growing as we see her in the third season?
She started this story, and this journey, having a solid idea of who she thought she was, and her life was pretty nailed down.

I imagine it being like a house during a rainstorm, with a leaky roof, and it's like, if you put enough buckets around, you're walking around the floor and ostensibly, it's a dry house. But if you really examine what's going on, there's a lot of cracks and there's a lot of leaks.

So, prison has forced her to really look at what's happening within her. And I think the journey is that she's finding and enjoying parts of herself that she didn't really know existed. And a strength and determination, and wildness and a recklessness and a pleasure, a joy, a power. It's almost like trying on different articles of clothing and seeing that lot of them fit.

Not to diminish the suffering she goes through, but she does seem like she's finding ways to be happy in there.
Yeah, exactly, and I think even finding pleasure in the power, or pleasure in the manipulation or pleasure in the strength. It doesn't necessarily add up to the way that she thought happiness or success looked when she came in to prison. So her conception is changing.

Do you think she's finding her place a bit more?
Absolutely. I think she was a fish out of water and she spent Season 2 finding her place, and now she's exploring her place, and she's enjoying it, and she's revelling in it, and she's trying on different facets of who she is.

Is it good to have Laura Prepon back full time as Alex Vause?
Yeah, I love Laura. She's a dear friend, like so many girls in this cast are. It's always fun to have her around, and we work really well together. We have a really nice working dynamic. It's very safe, and I think we both feel comfortable taking risks that we're proud of later.

One of Season 2's big cliffhangers was that Piper got Alex thrown back in prison. Was she trying to protect Alex, or did that come from a selfish place?
I think it's all of those things — Piper was operating from all of those places. And that's what's so fun about this work is that it's so rich and complicated and knotted. And what I so love about playing this character is that she is kind,

> **"She's finding and enjoying parts of herself that she didn't really know existed.**
> Taylor Schilling

and she is a wife, she is a best friend, she is a daughter, she's a lover and a caretaker, but she's also confused and angry and manipulative and disloyal and attention-seeking and power-hungry and all of those things. That's a real woman. All of those things existing within.

I long for that and I'm excited by that, to see someone who's not a picture or an idea, but a fully fleshed-out person.

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The top three sources of sugar in the Canadian diet are: breads, beverages and snack foods.

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You can't be all good all the time, but you do want to choose best in class especially when it comes to sugar content.

Theresa is an on-camera food and health expert, nutritionist and writer who loves to spread the word on food.

COUNTING CALORIES

A brew on the lite side

While I adore a pint of craft beer as much as the next guy, I'm not getting any younger.

Risking the wrath of hipster craft brew lovers, I confess that the older me doesn't mind lighter beers — and by light, I mean the mass-produced stuff. While they will undoubtedly turn their noses up at a glass of Miller Lite (12x355ml, $20.49 to $25.29) — the original light beer that has finally landed in Canada — traditional craft beer supporters argue that the boozy IPA-style brews, popular today, are killing the market for lower alcohol "session" beers.

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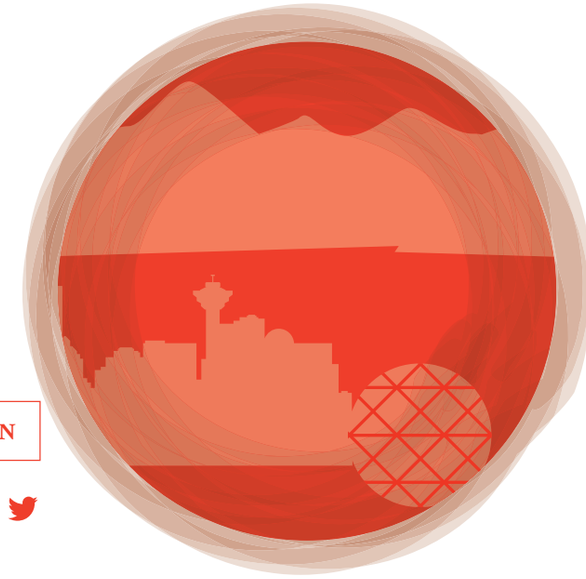

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Chefs go lentil on tour

CANADIAN INGREDIENTS

Restaurants create dishes in cross-country competition

Chefs in two dozen restaurants across Canada are competing this month with signature dishes all incorporating the same homegrown ingredient: lentils.

The restaurants in seven cities have added the creations to their menus for customers to order and vote on during the FunDeLentil competition in June.

Culinary activist Anita Stewart put together the list of restaurants — which are also Food Day Canada participants committed to using Canadian ingredients — on behalf of the Saskatchewan Pulse Growers and Canadian Lentils.

"It's right down my alley. In terms of my mission statement to actively promote the growth and study of our distinctly Canadian food culture, well, this is it," the University of Guelph food laureate said Thursday at George restaurant in Toronto.

"It's a way to support our own farmers and lentils are also really delicious and healthy. They're so darn versatile."

She said chefs are coming up with many unique ways to use lentils, such as turning them into flour, using them for coating or stuffing, and sprouting them to make bread.

Canada is one of the world's largest producers of lentils, planting more than 1.3 million hectares of lentils last year. Types produced in Canada include commonly known green lentils and split red lentils, and lesser-known black or beluga lentils and French Green lentils.

The choices are "as upscale as you want it or it's as comforting as a lentil shepherd's pie," said Stewart, who was appointed in 2011 to the Order of Canada for her promotion of the food industry in Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Farmhouse Tavern executive chef Tom Wade, right, with chef Eoin Ramsbottom on a lentil tour led by author and food activist Anita Stewart. FRANCIS WALLACE /TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Mark McEwan offers some food for thought

TOP CHEF CANADA

Celebrity chef warns of long, arduous hours in industry

Food television has created a groundswell of attention to the restaurant game, says chef Mark McEwan, who was head judge on the culinary contest show Top Chef Canada.

But young people pursuing a career as a chef often have a big surprise when they get into the business and realize how busy service can be.

McEwan, who owns four restaurants in Toronto — North 44, One, Fabbrica and Bymark — also hosted The Heat on Food Network Canada, a look behind the scenes at his restaurant and catering business along with the building of his first upscale gourmet food store, McEwan, which opened in 2009.

Celebrity chef Mark McEwan was head judge on the culinary contest show Top Chef Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

McEwan, 58, stays on top of his game running his company, the McEwan Group with a staff of 500. That includes catering and opening a second store in downtown Toronto.

Does food television give a false sense of the business?
It's very strenuous work. It's long hours, longer than most hours, tougher conditions. You're working weekends. Your service can last five hours and that's rigorous. It's athletic. It's hard — if you're in a busy restaurant.

But then I think there's a lot of places for young kids to go other than the restaurant business, so getting into food styling, they're getting into the catering business, they're getting into institutional work ...

To be a mainline chef in a top-flight restaurant it's a long journey, a long journey to get there. And I don't think a lot of these young people understand what it's about.

Did producers influence how you chose a winner in Top Chef Canada?
I was all about the best chef winning. It was always about the cooking for me. It was never about anything else.
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REVIEW

Cross Country muscles in on luxury crossovers

Mike Goetz
Metro | Canada

Some car companies can get away with not offering a traditional station wagon, but not Volvo.

And good for us, because Volvo's commitment to keep modernizing the station wagon form has brought us this lovely 2015 V60 Cross Country.

Volvo's entry-level 60 series of sedans (S60), crossovers (XC60), and wagons (V60) debuted back in 2011, and received a major mid-cycle revision for 2015.

AWD versions of Volvo V60 are called Cross Country, and are raised 65 mm higher than FWD V60 versions.

Cross Country is also fitted with 18-inch wheels and skid plates, to signify its off-road prowess, and also gets squared-off "fender extrusions," which makes it look kind of Jeepy.

Our top-shelf Platinum model ($50,400 MSRP) was outfitted with the impressive Technology Package ($1,500), which threw on Adaptive Cruise with Queue Assist, Collision Warning (with Full Auto Brake), Pedestrian and Cyclist Detection (with Full Auto Brake), Distance Alert, Driver Alert Control, Lane Departure Warning, Lane Keeping, and Speed Limit Information, which makes speed limit signs appear magically in the dash.

But the feature I liked best is the Cross Country exclusive sport seats rendered in black leather and brown stitching. They are just wonderful: easy to look at and touch, supportive, supremely comfortable.

The whole design manages to be Scandinavian and clean and easy to use, featuring an interface that uses actual buttons and switches (versus a touch screen).

On the road, the 2.5-litre turbo "five-cylinder" feels lusty, but the newer 2.0-litre turbo "four" feels almost as lusty, and offers better efficiency. Those all-new 2.0-litre engines are only available (so far) on S60 and XC60.

Handling is better than most crossovers, because of the lower centre of gravity, and a great chassis, which is also adept at delivering a very comfortable and controlled ride — V60 offers a very luxury-car feel on the road.

The V60 Cross Country is not like Volvo wagons of yore, which were famously boxy and big. This is a tidy wagon, with just adequate space in the rear and cargo area (for a wagon). You can't easily throw bikes back there, for example, and the sleek profile takes a bite out of rear headroom space.

THE CHECKLIST | 2015 VOLVO V60 CROSS COUNTRY

THE BASICS

Type. Luxury, five-door, AWD, compact-midsize wagon.
Engine (hp). 2.5-litre inline turbocharged five-cylinder (250).
Transmission. Six-speed automatic.
Price. Base $44,100 (plus destination).

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POINTS

- Based on the new 60 range of Volvo sedans, but not available with their newer 2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder engines.
- An IIHS Top Safety pick, for achieving top-level crash protection in each of the institute's five crash tests.

COOL FEATURES

- Volvo's interface relies on a controller and switches (not a touch screen).
- One of the more comfortable and best-looking front seats in the business.
- Front and rear skid plates, and Hill Descent Control, increases off-road capability.

MARKET POSITION

- All-wheel drive version of the V60 station wagon.
- An alternative to compact luxury crossovers, such as Volvo's own XC60.
- For those who gravitate toward understated Scandinavian style, and top safety features.

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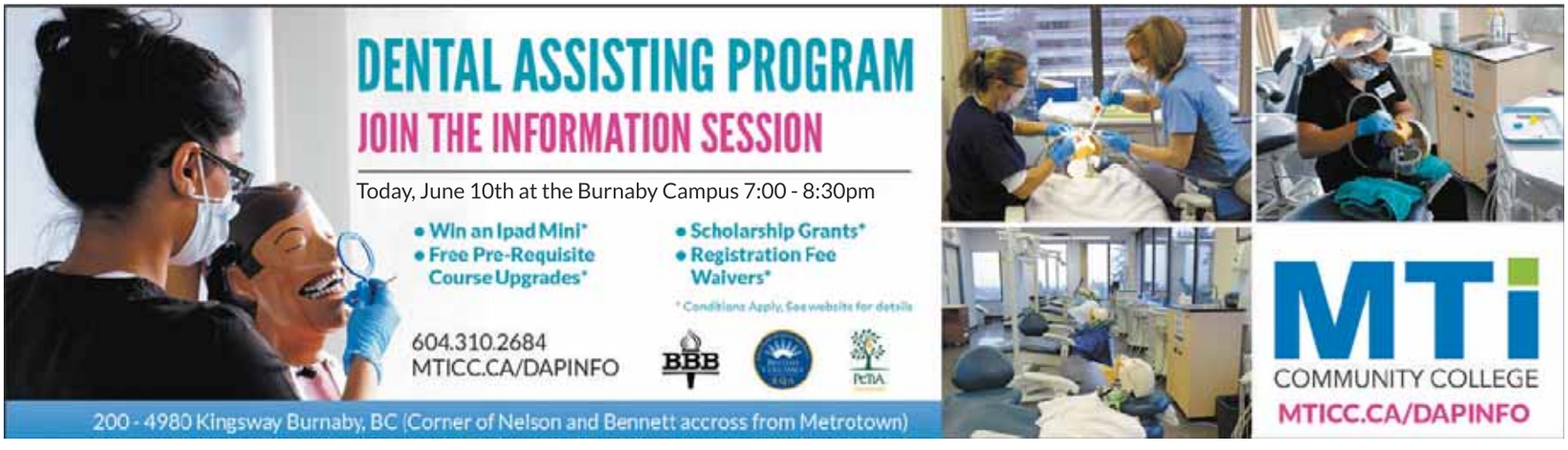
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Toyota picks 8 dealerships

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HYBRIDS

VW crafts new Beetle concept

Volkswagen engineers have transplanted the powertrain from a Jetta Hybrid sedan to create a prototype Volkswagen Beetle (right) hybrid concept in a bid to renew interest in the retro hatchback. The hybrid Beetle employs a 1.4-litre turbocharged four-cylinder gasoline engine and a seven-speed transmission, with an electric motor between them, to drive the front wheels.

THE GREEN ANGLE

Metro's weekly picks for the latest in environmental news

PRODUCTION

New targets for EV makers

Global automakers are readying a new generation of mass-market electric vehicles (EVs) with more than twice the driving range of today's Nissan Leaf (left). They're betting technical breakthroughs by battery suppliers will jump-start demand, reports industry watchdog Automotive News. At least four major automakers — General Motors, Ford Motor Co., Nissan Motor Corp. and Volkswagen AG — will challenge Tesla Motors to be first to field affordable EVs that will travel up to 320 kilometres between charges. They're working to a tight deadline: in 2018, California and eight other states will require automakers to meet much higher sales targets for zero-emission vehicles, and federal rules on reducing fuel consumption and greenhouse gases will become stricter.

NEW CARS

Malibu eschews plug-in capacity

Chevrolet's 2016 Malibu mid-size sedan (right) will take the Chevy Volt's ground-breaking gas/electric powertrain to the masses minus, at least for now, its plug-in capability. Chevrolet says the car will be capable of travelling at least 72 kilometres per U.S. gallon (5.2 litres/100 km) without the need to plug it in. It will deliver that higher mileage thanks to a direct-fuel-injection 1.8-litre four-cylinder gasoline engine mated to a two-motor electric drive unit. A 1.5-kilowatt lithium-ion battery pack will store electrical energy for the battery when it's needed.

TOP 10

Most EV-friendly U.S. cities named

Some parts of the U.S. have embraced electric vehicles more than others, observes ChargePoint. The network charging station developer has compiled a Top 10 EV-friendly list in each of the past four years, based on the number of EVs registered and the growth of its own available charging stations. San Francisco's Bay Area tops the list, followed by Los Angeles, Seattle, San Diego, Honolulu, Austin, Detroit, Atlanta, Denver, and Portland, Ore.

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Features pack used GM SUVs

USED VEHICLE

Check oil consumption in 2007-2014 models

In the midst of a dying big-SUV marketplace, GM launched its new wave of sport utility vehicles for model year 2007, offering Yukon, Yukon XL, Suburban, Tahoe and Escalade variants with better than ever mileage, performance and feature content.

A proven high-strength truck structure helped round out the package with durable capability, and generous room for people and cargo was on offer in all models.

As most 2007-2014 models in this generation of GM full-sized sport utility vehicles will pack the 5.3-litre V8 engine with AFM cylinder deactivation, shoppers are advised to check this powerplant for signs of oil consumption and other related issues, which are common, and well-documented in the owners community.

Have a dealer use the VIN number to pull up all service records, noting any that indicate an oil-consumption problem. Shoppers are also advised to listen for unwanted clicking or clacking noises from the top of the engine, with the hood open and engine idling. Unwanted sounds like these could indicate problems, possibly related to the oil-consumption issue. Note that oil consumption issues seem most likely in 2007 to 2009 models with the 5.3-litre engine.

Ensure proper operation of the cruise control system, too. If it's not working, it's probably because of a bad brake-light switch, which is a cheap and easily replaced part.

Ensure the 4x4 system, switches between its various modes as outlined in the owner's manual. If the system doesn't engage, or you note any "Service 4x4" warnings, be sure to have a GM mechanic determine why. Note that the Escalade ran an All Wheel Drive (AWD) system, so no switching of modes is possible.

Open the front doors and feel the carpeting under the front floor mats for signs of moisture, which could be caused by a leaky windshield seal and/or plugged sunroof vent tubes. Moisture can lead to rust and mould, so this issue will need to be addressed.

Now's the time to make sure the Bluetooth, heated steering-wheel, chilled memory seats and power tailgate, if equipped, are working properly, too. None of these will be inexpensive to fix if they're not functioning.

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The 2012 GMC Yukon Heritage Edition SUV. GMC

Features

Feature content was fitting of a world-class performance car, and included goodies such as adjustable shocks, an adjustable rear differential, premium audio, memory seats, Bluetooth, navigation, iDrive central command, automatic lights, automatic climate control and more.

Engines/trim

Look for standard V8 power from a 4.8-, 5.3- or 6.2-litre engine. The high-end Escalade got the 6.2-litre V8 with 403 horsepower, which was available optionally on other models. Most used models will have the 5.3-litre V8.

What owners like

Typically, owners praise their SUVs for great ride quality, confident towing and hauling capabilities, a decent blend of power and fuel economy, and a rugged, safe and solid feel.

What owners dislike

Complaints typically centre around difficulty parking, and excessive fuel consumption on some models.

The verdict

An early model with the 4.8- or 6.2-litre engine, or any 2010 or newer model, will likely make the most confident purchase, provided the vehicle passes a mechanical inspection first.

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INNOVATION

Crash won't stop flying car makers

Tech firm AeroMobil is working on a new prototype of its flying car, weeks after the vehicle of the future spread its wings and crashed during a test flight.

"Sometimes you have to push the vehicle to the limit, to see how it behaves," AeroMobil chief strategy officer Martin Bruncko said about the May 8 incident.

Inventor and engineer Stefan Klein was flying the blue-and-white airborne automobile 270 metres off the ground when he was forced to deploy a parachute to slow its descent.

Klein escaped unharmed but the flying car was damaged in what the company called an "emergency landing."

AeroMobil would not say what prompted the crash.

The company is now back at the drawing board and hopes to see pre-orders in 2017 before delivering its first flying cars to clients in 2018.

It still needs to obtain a green light from the European Aviation Safety Agency for commercial flying.

Klein said the company has seen interest from countries including Indonesia, Russia and South Africa for the cars that could cost around $450,000 CDN or more.

The prototype that crashed will be displayed at the Milan Expo 2015.

The vehicle for two is six metres long so it fits neatly in a parking space or garage and tanks up at any filling station. But once it reaches an airport it can unfold its wings within seconds and become a plane.

Once airborne, it can reach a top speed of 200 km/h and travel as far as 700 kilometres, consuming 15 litres of gas per hour.

"It integrates two utilities in a similar way as a smartphone, which is a good phone and Internet browser in one," said AeroMobil spokesman Stefan Vadocz. "In the past you needed two separate products." AFP

Engineer Stefan Klein shows off his car models in Bratislava, Slovakia. AFP PHOTO/SAMUEL KUBANI

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5 CLOSER LOOKS AT THE 2016 CADILLAC CT6

The new rear-wheel drive Cadillac CT6 overlaps with the smaller CTS and the large front-drive XTS. The difference: styling and features. It looks like Cadillac has designed the CT6 for buyers who like the large rear- and all-wheel-drive BMW and Audi sedans, but want a more affordable option. **JEFF MELNYCHUK** WHEELBASE MEDIA

1 400 horsepower

The new optional twin-turbocharged 3.0-litre V6 should provide a decent balance of power and economy, if you're gentle with the throttle. It also has auto shut-off/restart to save fuel.

2 See this

Digital display show images of gauges. Owners/users can pick the style they prefer. There's also an actual shift lever for the eight-speed automatic transmission and not buttons or knobs.

CADILLAC PHOTOS

3 Weighty issues

Weight kept below 3,700 pounds (1,680 kilograms) with lots of aluminium in the new Omega platform. This should make the car one of the lightest vehicles in its class. The architecture has been built from the ground up for the CT6 to take on German and Japanese full-size luxury vehicles.

4 Listen to this

Optional Bose audio system has 34 speakers. Thirty. Four. Those speakers are to be placed "strategically" throughout the cabin, with almost all of them measuring just about four inches in diameter.

5 Roll 'em

Wheels at 18, 19 and 20 inches. They support a CT6 that is about 25 centimetres longer than the current CTS and has about the same length added between the front and rear wheels.

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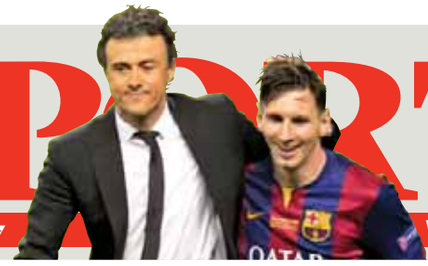

Boyhood dream comes true

BASEBALL

Degano of Surrey drafted 57th overall by Yankees

Cam Tucker
Metro | Vancouver

Jeff Degano grew up a New York Yankees fan, his love of the historic franchise starting early in life.

"When I was nine years old, I played for the Whalley Yankees, so growing up, that was the team you'd always wanted to mimic," Degano told Metro on Tuesday.

He idolized the mechanics of Andy Pettitte, the towering lefty who played 15 years with the Yankees over two separate stints, winning the World Series five times. And now Degano has taken the next step toward putting on those famous pinstripes.

> **I knew for sure that if I worked hard, I could get back to where I was at.**
> Jeff Degano on returning to form following Tommy John surgery

On Monday, the Yankees selected Degano, a left-handed pitcher from Surrey who went on to play college ball at Indiana State, in the second round, 57th overall, of the MLB Draft.

"I can't believe it," said Degano. "Definitely excited and really, hard to believe, honestly."

After his season with the Sycamores, the 22-year-old Degano returned home to Surrey, where he heard the news of his draft.

He's supposed to fly out of Vancouver bright and early on Thursday morning to Florida to meet with the Yankees staff.

He's expecting to sign his contract in the coming days, following a medical evaluation.

In the meantime, he'll get a few days to rest his arm.

His entire 2014 season was wiped out after he underwent Tommy John surgery following an injury early at Indiana State.

He returned to the Sycamores' pitching staff for this year, finishing the season with an 8-3 record, a 2.36 earned-run average and tying a school record with 126 strikeouts in 99 innings pitched.

"When I got (the surgery), obviously I was pretty devastated. I knew for sure that if I worked hard, I could get back to where I was at," said Degano.

He cut his teeth in the B.C. Premier Baseball League with the Whalley Chiefs before moving on to pitch for the White Rock Tritons.

"Just shows he has good work ethic — a guy that never gave up," said BCPBL president Ted Hotzak.

Pitcher Jeff Degano, 23, finished this past college season with an 8-3 record for Indiana State. DREW CANAVAN/INDIANA STATE SYCAMORES

Lions head coach Jeff Tedford has gained a reputation for being strict and structured. GETTY IMAGES FILE

B.C. LIONS

Tedford 'all about attention to detail'

In trying to create a profile for head coach Jeff Tedford and his way of running a football team, import running back Brendan Bigelow can provide insider knowledge.

Bigelow played his college ball at the University of California-Berkley under the tutelage of Tedford. In 2014, he signed as an undrafted free agent with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, where Tedford was the offensive co-ordinator.

The two are now reunited with the B.C. Lions. When it comes to the operation of training camp and coaching style, Bigelow knows how Tedford operates.

"He's always been strict with the way he wanted things laid out and structured," Bigelow said during training camp in Kamloops.

With Tedford, the finer details matter.

An example, and it's one Bigelow also referenced, is Tedford commanding his receivers to catch the ball when it was around eye level, instead of around a player's abdomen or chest.

"There's a reason he says those things," said Bigelow.

"By catching the ball up here (at eye level) it's safer than having the ball down here and some defender can just come in and knock the ball down. He's all about attention to detail. It's just his style. And it's important you pay attention to it, because he knows what he's talking about."

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Canada's Bélanger filling defensive void with aplomb

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Normally a forward, Quebecer now playing fullback

Two games into an unexpected stint as a fullback, Canada's Josée Bélanger looks right at home.

The converted forward has stepped up since being called on due to injuries to Rhian Wilkinson (hamstring) and Marie-Eve Nault (calf).

Bélanger set up Sophie Schmidt's goal in a 1-0 win over England in Canada's final outing before the Women's World Cup.

And the 29-year-old from Coaticook, Que., rattled a shot off the crossbar in Canada's 1-0 win over China in the tournament opener Saturday.

And like Allysha Chapman on the left side, the pacey Bélanger has consistently charged up the flank. Both fullbacks played important roles against China as Herdman went to a more offensive 3-4-3 formation late in the game, pushing the fullbacks up high to press for the go-ahead goal.

As with most of his players on the day, Herdman saw positives and negatives in their play.

"Brilliant. It was great to watch Chapman and Bélanger join in and bring that modern fullback to the game," Herdman said.

"But at the same time they were a little bit sloppy at times and we're going to work on some of their decision-making. They're the things we keep improving during the tournament."

While Wilkinson and Nault are working their way back to full health, Bélanger has been a welcome temporary fix. And she may be back on the right flank Thursday when eighth-ranked Canada plays No. 17 New Zealand at Commonwealth Stadium.

Whatever the team needs, I'll be ready.
Josée Bélanger

New Zealand, the team John Herdman left to coach Canada, lost its tournament opener 1-0 to the Netherlands on Saturday. The Football Ferns are 0-9-1 at the World Cup, with Herdman in charge for the lone point earned in 2011.

Herdman tried Bélanger out at fullback during part of a pre-tournament training match with Nigeria at Toronto FC's practice ground. Despite her lack of experience at the position, Bélanger was quick to see ways to use her technique and pace operating at fullback.

"I can combine with the forwards," said Bélanger. "I know a little bit more (about) their runs because I'm a forward. So I know what they're doing and I can join (in) with my speed."

Herdman talked to Bélanger briefly about her new role, but then left her alone. "I think he appreciated the fact that I'm actually not thinking too much and I'm playing on instinct. It actually feels good as a player to play with instinct. You're more in a rhythm."

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WOMEN'S WORLD CUP FRANCE STRONG-ARMS ITS WAY PAST ENGLAND England defender Laura Bassett, left, and France midfielder Camille Abily vie for the ball during a Group F match at the Women's World Cup in Moncton, N.B., on Tuesday. Eugenie Le Sommer scored in the 29th minute to help France to a 1-0 win. Also in Group F action on Tuesday, Colombia and Mexico played to a 1-1 draw. Meanwhile in Group E play in Montreal, Spain and Costa Rica tied 1-1, and Brazil defeated South Korea 2-0. FRANCK FIFE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

Heston pitches no hitter

Chris Heston pitched the first no-hitter in the majors this season in his 13th career start, leading the San Francisco Giants over the New York Mets 5-0 Tuesday night.

The rookie allowed three baserunners — all on hit batters. He also had a two-run single for his first big league RBIs and finished with two more hits than the Mets.

The pitching-rich Giants have thrown no-hitters in four straight seasons, with Heston following Matt Cain's perfect game in 2012 and hitless gems by Tim Lincecum (2013, 2014). THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Seahawks add depth by signing QB Tavaris Jackson

The Seattle Seahawks are bringing back their backup quarterback after agreeing to terms with veteran Tarvaris Jackson.

Details of Jackson's deal were not released by the team Tuesday. But it's an important signing for Seattle, which had just two quarterbacks on its roster: starter Russell Wilson and second-year free agent signing R.J. Archer. B.J. Daniels has been moved from quarterback to wide receiver.

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James nets 40 to bring Cleveland closer to title

LeBron James came home last summer to win a championship — one like no other. He's two wins away.

Pushed by a crowd howling to see Cleveland's 51-year title drought end, James scored 40 points, his new sidekick Matthew Dellavedova added 20 and the Cavaliers survived Golden State's furious fourth-quarter comeback led by Stephen Curry for a 96-91 win over the Warriors on Tuesday night to take a 2-1 lead in the NBA Finals.

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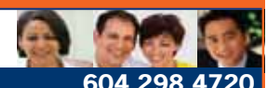

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Ingredients
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- 2 cups frozen peas, defrosted and drained
- 1 small garlic clove
- ¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 Tbsp light mayonnaise
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- Salt and pepper
- 3 Tbsp olive oil
- 8 cooked baby cocktail shrimp

Directions
1. Spray baguette slices with oil on both sides. Toast or broil until brown on both sides.
2. In a mini food processor, add remaining ingredients except for shrimp. Purée until smooth.
3. Divide over baguettes and garnish with one shrimp per slice.

Nutrition per serving
- Calories 165
- Carbohydrates 21.5 g
- Fibre 2 g
- Protein 7 g
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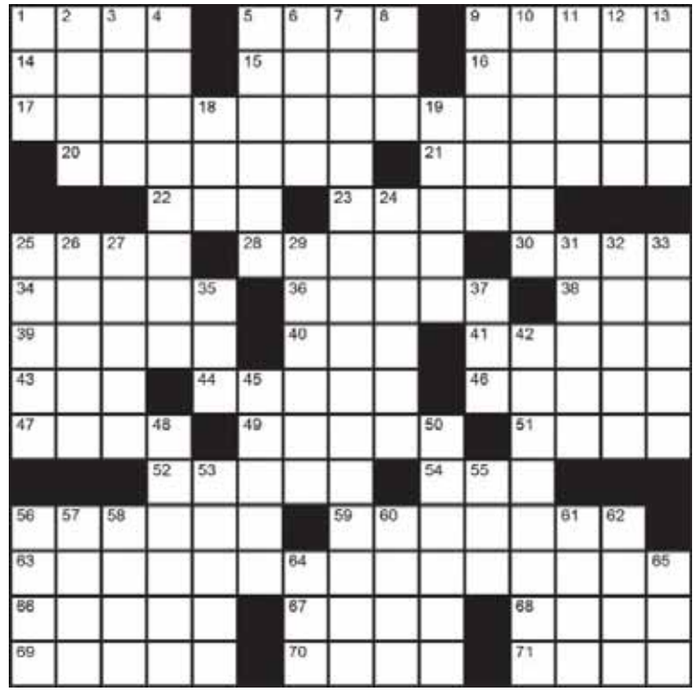

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5. Certify
6. Film __ (Movie genre)
7. "How bout them transparent __ __." - Alanis Morissette, "Thank U"
8. Director Mr. Lee
9. Filmmaker Frank
10. Utter absurdity
11. Outfit
12. Marie-Claire's friend
13. Some rodents
18. Pres. Lincoln
19. Flare
24. Tel Aviv's land
25. Cat, when trying to reach for something
26. "..._ __ wed."
27. Fashion sense
29. Sore throat speaker's tone
31. Adjust
32. __ Entertainment (Canadian media company)
33. Work the dough
35. TKO caller
37. Clairvoyance, e.g.
42. Key between Tab and Shift: 2 wds.
45. Eyeball connection, __ nerve
48. Pot holder
50. FOX News anchor Ms. Kelly's
53. Indigo dyes
55. Smidgen
56. Recipe meas.
57. Car
58. Martha of "Some Came Running" (1958)
60. The Phantom's name in Gaston Leroux's classic novel The Phantom of the Opera
61. "I've Got the Music __" by The Kiki Dee Band: 2 wds.
62. Env. info
64. Actress Ms. Texada
65. __ Lanka

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Don't just sit there brooding about your problems, get up and do something about them. Better still, forget about them altogether and have fun with your friends. Life is only a trial if you choose to make it a trial.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
If you receive a financial offer of some sort today you must make up your mind about it straight away. If you leave it until tomorrow chances are it won't be there any more, so say 'Yes' or say 'No' but say something!

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Mercury, your ruler, turns direct tomorrow, so if there is something you need to say you should wait to say it until after then when the words will come more easily and others will be more prepared to listen.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You feel trapped, unable to move one way or the other. But who says you have to move? Who says you have to do anything? Most likely the only restrictions in your life are the ones you have placed on yourself.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
The things you believe in today will not be the things you believe in towards the end of the week. Your views and opinions are about to undergo a major change. Be flexible.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If a colleague tries to lay the blame for some kind of failure at your door today you must let them know you do not accept their verdict. Joint projects mean joint responsibility: they would soon claim the glory if it was a success.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Something you've always believed in will be called into question today, but don't abandon it yet. It might be the case that someone is deliberately trying to put doubts in your mind — for their own glory and profit, of course.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Check the small print and scrutinize the details of anything that is put in front of you today. The planets warn there is something there you won't agree with. It may not be a deliberate error but it could still be costly.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
If there is something important you need to say to a partner or relative put it off until tomorrow when Mercury, planet of communication, resumes its normal direction. After that, "I love you" will be a lot easier to say.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You may have to work with someone you do not much like over the next 24 hours. If you're smart you'll hide your feelings and get on with the job. Just because you don't like them does not mean you can't work with them.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Avoid making any promises until Mercury, planet of communication, turns direct tomorrow when you will have a far better chance of delivering on them. You can still be enthusiastic but don't get carried away.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
A few words from you could be all it takes to cheer up someone who is depressed. Remind them they still have much to smile about, that life is supposed to be fun. You are, after all, living proof of that fact.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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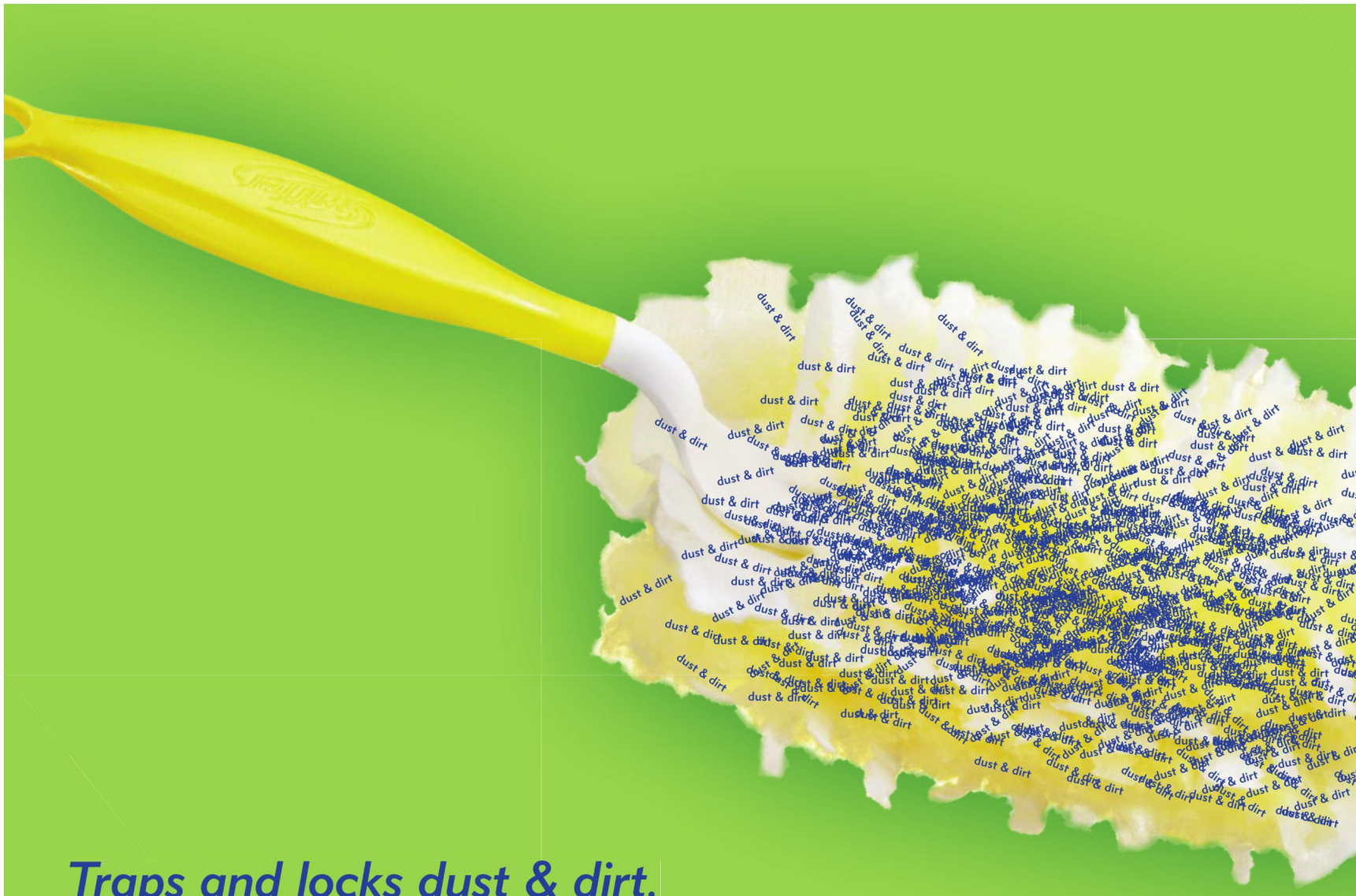

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